SUBJECT No. 271.

Grant of scholarships to Brahmin students.

Mr. M. Subba Rao, Yeggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Grant of scholarships is at present allowed to the non-Brahmin students who go from hobli schools to study for the Lower Secondary Examination in Anglo-Vernacular Schools. Such allowance may be extended to the Brahmin students also, as otherwise many Brahmin boys will be without education for want of means to study in the Anglo-Vernacular Schools.

Reply of Government.—The existing concessions are considered sufficiently liberal.

SUBJECT No. 272.

Scholarships to Malnad students.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL. B., Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Malnad students studying for the B. A. or F. A. Examinations may be given liberal scholarships as they are put to more inconvenience now than before owing to the abolition of the Shimoga College.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 273.

Establishment of a Kannada University, etc.

Mr. J. Shamaiengar, Kunigal Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The establishment of Industrial and Agricultural Schools is not of much use when there is no Kannada University. One can learn one's mother tongue sooner than a foreign language. To secure a more rapid advancement for the subjects of this State and to make them take a greater interest in the administrative details of their country and to enable them to learn the ways of statecraft and to know how the moneys contributed by them are spent, it is necessary to carry on all official correspondence in the vernacular. Just as they have established in British India Universities to encourage English learning a Kannada University may be established in Mysore for Kannada learning. A Book Committee may be formed to translate into Kannada all books of western learning and science, and to compile new works on science. Lecturers may be appointed to infuse scientific knowledge in villages. Public libraries should be established in each village.

Reply of Government.—A good idea to be developed by and by. It seems enough if good works are translated into Kanarese for the present, and this is being attended to.

SUBJECT No. 274.

Educational Conference.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B. A., LL. B., Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Non-official gentlemen of educational attainments may be appointed members of the Educational Conference, so that independent opinion may be available at the deliberations of the Conference.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya urged that the Conference should be held every year.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 275.

Circle Inspectors.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B. A., LL.B., Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—There is no need for Circle Inspectors in Mysore. In British India, the Director has under him above twenty districts in each Province, and he is accordingly given Circle Inspectors for every division of six to eight districts. Our districts are smaller and

schools fewer and population thin. The savings that may be effected by abolishing these offices (Rs. 15,000 a year) may be spent on the tutorial staff of Primary and Anglo-Vernacular Schools and in re-establishing the Shimoga College. The Deputy Inspectors and their Assistants exercise sufficient supervision. The Inspector-General can conveniently do the work that is being done by Circle Inspectors.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 276.

Higher education in Bangalore and Mysore Colleges.

Messrs. B. Kesavaiengar and Kesavadasiengar, Belur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Classes for all Branches of the B. A. Degree Examination may be opened in Bangalore and Mysore Colleges and facility afforded to poor students who cannot live in Madras and study.

Reply of Government.—This will be considered after the publication of the new University Regulations.

SUBJECT No. 277.

Age limit to private students appearing for Mysore Lower Secondary Examination

Mr. Ramaswamiengar, Hassan Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Candidates appearing for the Mysore Lower Secondary Examination in private are not allowed to do so unless they are 16 years of age. This restriction may be removed and such candidates allowed the same privileges as those appearing through schools.

Reply of Government.—This will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 278.

English to be taught along with Kannada.

Messrs. Sasalu Timme Gowda of Tumkur Taluk, Venkatakrishnayya and Annayya Pandit.

Summary of discussion.—Wherever English knowing teachers are available, it may be ruled that English should be taught along with the Vernacular in classes higher than the 2nd class. This will give greater inducements to future admissions.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration along with the Educational Rules.

SUBJECT No. 279.

Kannada Text books :—
(1) Bala Bhuvivarane.
(2) Charitre.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Bala Bhuvivarane is quite beyond the standard of the primary classes for which it is intended. A book written in a simpler style containing only notes of important places may be prescribed.

(2) Mr. Marsden's Charitre contains an inaccurate account of Ramayana. Young boys are not to be given any chance of entertaining mistaken notions of historical facts and much less of religious lessons.

Reply of Government.—(1) Under consideration.

(2) Under correspondence.

SUBJECT No. 280.

Text-Book Committee.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Non-official gentlemen of educational attainments may be appointed members of the Text-Book Committee.

Reply of Government.—A good suggestion, which will be referred to the Inspector-General of Education for consideration in connection with the reconstitution of the committee.